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In re Application of
Kuhne, Quadracci & Erdmann
Application No. 10/623,144
Filed: July 18, 2003
Attorney Docket No. 077077-9144-00
For: PRODUCT TRANSFER SYSTEM AND
METHOD

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed November 12, 2003 (certificate of mailing date November 10, 2003).

The petition is granted.

Petitioners have shown that the non-signing inventor, Brian Erdmann, has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application after having been presented with the application papers. Specifically, the declaration of Billie Jean Smith establishes that the non-signing inventor was successfully e-mailed the application papers, including the specification, claims and drawings, but expressly refused to review the application papers and sign the declaration. Petitioners have submitted a declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64.

This application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

After this decision is mailed, the above-identified application will be forwarded to Technology Center 3600 for examination in due course.

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